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SUBJECT: TURKISH NEWSPAPER'S INTERVIEW WITH VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE

1. APRIL 11 DAILY MILLIYET (MASS-CIRCULATION LIBERAL REFORMIST)
CARRIED FOLLOWING, DESCRIBED AS AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, UNDER THE HEADLINE: "MONDALE: TENSION
IN THE AEGEAN MUST NOT INCREASE."

BEGIN TEXT -- WASHINGTON, FAIK AKIN REPORTS:

U.S. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, WHO ANSWERED MILLIYET'S
QUESTIONS IN HIS ROOM AT THE WHITE HOUSE, POINTED OUT THAT
IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE TIME BEING TO MAKE DISCLOSURES
ABOUT THE SECRET REPORT PRESENTED TO THE U.S. SENATE BY
CLARK CLIFFORD, WHO EXAMINED TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AT
FIRST HAND.

VICE PRESIDENT WALTER FRITZ MONDALE, WHO IS FOLLOWING
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY EFFORTS VERY CLOSELY,
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GAVE THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON WORLD PROBLEMS.

QUESTION: THE RESULTS OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD'S
CONTACTS IN CONNECTION WITH TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM, WHICH HE EXAMINED FIRST HAND, HAVE NOT BEEN
REVEALED TO PUBLIC OPINION UP TO THIS DATE. IS A NEW DEVELOP-
MENT EXPECTED ON THIS SUBJECT?

ANSWER: "CLARK CLIFFORD EXPLAINED TO THE U.S. SENATE IN

A MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THE IMPRESSIONS HE HAD GAINED AS A RESULT OF HIS CONTACTS IN TURKEY AND GREECE. TODAY NO U.S. OFFICIAL, INCLUDING MYSELF, CAN MAKE A STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. WE HOPE TENSION WILL NOT INCREASE IN THE AEGEAN."

DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAST OCTOBER WALTER MONDALE, IN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION ON TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, HAD GIVEN THE FOLLOWING ANSWER AT THE TIME: "WE SHALL TAKE MEASURES TO FORCE THE TURKISH SIDE OVER THE CYPRUS ISSUE. CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS ARE AMONG THE TOPICS TO WHICH WE SHALL DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION IF WE WIN THE ELECTIONS."

QUESTION: DURING YOUR VISIT TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY, LEADERS AND NATO EXPERTS POINTED OUT TO YOU THAT THE SOVIET ARMS BUILD-UP WAS INCREASING DAILY. IF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION GIVES IMPORTANCE TO THE CLAIMS, WHAT KIND OF CONTRIBUTION CAN IT MAKE TO NATO'S FUTURE?

ANSWER: "WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE INCREASING THEIR ARMS STRENGTH. WE ARE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO IT. LET NO ONE IMAGINE THAT THE WESTERN WORLD WILL REMAIN WEAK BEFORE THE SOVIETS. THEY CAN NEVER PUT US IN A WEAK AND HELPLESS POSITION."

QUESTION: PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED THAT BY 1982 AMERICAN ARMED FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR FROM SOUTH KOREA.

ANSWER: "SOUTH KOREAN GROUND FORCES HAVE GROWN STRONG. THERE IS NO NEED FOR 40,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN THE REGION. BUT OUR AIR FORCE SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE. BESIDES, OUR INTEREST IN EASTERN ASIA WILL NOT DIMINISH. IN THE MEANTIME, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SOUTH KOREAN ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM WITH HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN US. THESE ARE SEPARATE TOPICS, BUT THEY STILL CAUSE US CONCERN."

QUESTION: THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH INTEREST IN SOME COUNTRIES AND WITH REACTION IN OTHERS. BESIDES, THE FACT THAT SOME COUNTRIES LIKE CHILE, SOUTH KOREA, IRAN AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOT STICKING TO THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BROUGHT VARIED COMMENT FROM AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. AS VICE PRESIDENT WILL YOU GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT?

ANSWER: "WE BELIEVE IN EVERY WORD WE UTTER ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. IN RECENT PERIODS NO AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE THE EFFORTS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN MAKING OF LATE OR THAT WE WILL MAKE IN THE FUTURE. WE WANT HUMAN RIGHTS TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY."

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE CIA TO KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN, PRE-

SIDENT KENYATTA OF KENYA AND MAKARIOS, AND ABOUT THE CIA'S
ATTITUDE?

ANSWER: "IF THE PAYMENTS MADE TO KING HUSSEIN HAD BEEN
MADE THROUGH FOREIGN AID FUND AND NOT THE CIA, THERE WOULD
NOT HAVE BEEN ANY REACTION. THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECURITY ORGANIZATION AND SOME SOCIAL PRO-
JECTS. IT SHOULD BE AS IMPORTANT FOR THE USA HOW WE DO
THINGS AS WHAT WE DO. EVEN IF IT IS USED FOR SOCIAL PUR-
POSES, ANY MONEY THAT GOES THROUGH CIA ENGENDERS A REACTIONS."

QUESTION: HOW DOES CARTER-MONDALE COOPERATION IN FOREIGN
POLICY WORK?

ANSWER: "THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT AN ACTIVE PART IN
FOREIGN POLICY. HIS SENDING ME TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND
JAPAN IS A SIGN OF THIS. AS THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE IN FOREIGN POLICY, AS IN ANY OTHER TOPIC,
WE TRY TO REFLECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S CHARACTERISTICS.
WE WILL HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN
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OUR FOREIGN POLICY." END TEXT.
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